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1. There is a military airfield between Belgorod (50-36N, 36-34E) and Volchansk (50-18N, 36-57E), near Belgorod. The highway between the two places runs along the eastern side of the Donets River. About seven versts (about $7\frac{1}{2}$ km) from the edge of Belgorod a drive branches off from the road to the east, goes under the railroad tracks, turns toward the northeast for about two versts, and terminates at the airfield. (see sketch, page 2).
2. This airfield is not within an enclosed, well defined area. There are two runways. One runs east and west and is about three versts long. The other runs northeast and southwest and is about two versts long. The two runways meet at the southwest corner of the field and form an angle of about 80 degrees. At the point where the two runways meet, the drive from the Belgorod-Volchansk road terminates, thus forming a Y with the runways. Short shrubs grow in the western and southern portions of the field.
3. Between the two runways is solid level grass-covered ground. In the middle of this area are various buildings grouped together in a rectangular arrangement. Vegetable gardens have been planted all around this building area except on the northern side. There is a drive leading out of the building area to the west. The arrangement of the area gives it the appearance of a collective farm.
4. The buildings on the field are identified as follows:
 - a. Building I - a four-story structure used as the headquarters building, in which are also located the officers' and NCOs' living quarters. Radar is installed on the fourth floor.
 - b. Building II - a single-story structure housing the radio installations and the living quarters of personnel who work with the radio equipment.
 - c. Building III - a two-story structure housing enlisted personnel and being used as emergency living quarters for flight personnel.

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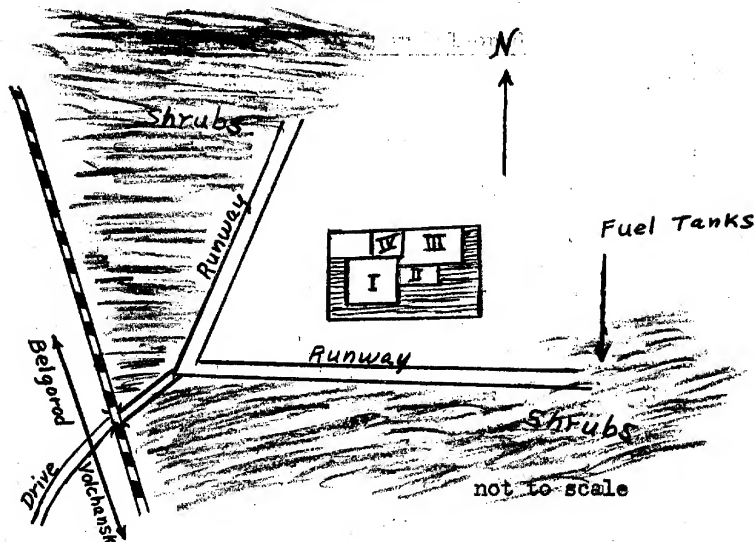
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- d. Building IV - a single-story structure having garages and storage places for materiel and ammunition.
5. Hangars could not definitely be identified. Four sunken fuel tanks, however, are located at the eastern end of the east-west runway and are camouflaged by the shrubbery.
6. In the shrubbery along the runway eight AA guns are set up.¹ Four of the guns are heavy, one of which is mounted on a concrete base, and four are light guns which are part of a motorized battery.
7. This is the most easterly airfield of the complex of airfields in the vicinity of Kharkov. Since it is not limited in expansion possibilities to the east, it is particularly suitable as an operational base in that many aircraft may be brought and assembled here. In the north, however, the airfield's expansion possibilities are limited by hills.
8. Near Volchansk, just to the southeast, is another airfield which is used for commercial as well as for military purposes. This airfield has no radar but does have obsolete radio homing equipment. No military importance is attached to this field, since its value is primarily as a commercial airfield.

1. Annotation: Sketch of Airfield near Belgorod and around the eight AA guns are set up.



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1. Comment. This report does not make clear along which runway the eight AA guns are set up.

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